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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE DIVISION

SUBJECT: US POWS: Defense Department Program.

1. I discussed subject with Lt. Carroll, Army Paywar POC/S representative this morning, looking for information to supply General Cabell for his PSB Board luncheon today with reference to Mr. Kyes' White Paper agenda item and learned the following:

a. General Ridgeway has ordered an all-out psywar plan on putting across to the American and world publics Commie atrocities against US POWS. Ridgeway is shocked by the murder of 10,000 Americans in Commie camps and wants the public to hear about it day after day after day via radio, television, newspapers, photos, stories, releases, pamphlets, interviews, etc., even including a Defense White Paper on the subject.

b. Carroll says the latest info shows about 6,000 killed by the North Koreans and 4,000 by the Chinese.

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2. I immediately passed this on at 1100 hours this morning to [redacted]. He still had time to pass this on to the General before the General left for the meeting.

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3. [redacted] believes, and I feel he is right, that CIA will be asked to lend all possible assistance, in the way of intelligence and information, to this all-out Defense program ordered by General Ridgeway.

4. I suggest the information above be passed on to CPP and the appropriate divisions and branches involved be alerted to the possibility of their being called upon to assist the Defense POW atrocity program.

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